

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM JOSEPH BABBITT,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-2292-TLN-JDP (PS)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On November 7, 2024, I screened plaintiff's complaint and dismissed it for failure to state a claim. ECF 6. Plaintiff was ordered to file, within thirty days, either an amended complaint or a notice of voluntary dismissal of this action. *Id.* Plaintiff has not responded to the November 7, 2024 order, and the time to do so has passed.

The court has the inherent power to control its docket and may, in the exercise of that power, impose sanctions where appropriate, including dismissal. *Bautista v. Los Angeles Cnty.*, 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000); *see* Local Rule 110 ("Failure of counsel or of a party to comply with these Rules or with any order of the Court may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions . . . within the inherent power of the Court."). A court may dismiss an action based on a party's failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

1 I will give plaintiff a chance to explain why the court should not dismiss the case for his
2 failure to file an amended complaint or a notice of voluntary dismissal of this action. Plaintiff's
3 failure to respond to this order will constitute another failure to comply with a court order and
4 will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed. Accordingly, plaintiff is ordered to
5 show cause within fourteen days why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute,
6 failure to comply with court orders, and failure to state a claim. Should plaintiff wish to continue
7 with this lawsuit, he shall file, within fourteen days, an amended complaint.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: December 13, 2024


11 JEREMY D. PETERSON
12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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